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SUBJECT: US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: PRESS  
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Q: THERE ARE REPORTS IN THE PRESS THAT GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS ON A DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THAT?

A: WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN PERIODICALLY ASSISTED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM WASHINGTON.

Q: WHEN DID THE LAST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS END?

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A: THE LAST FORMAL ROUND OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS RECESSED ON OCTOBER 7, 1976.

Q: HOW LONG HAVE THESE TECHNICAL EXPERTS BEEN THERE AND HOW LONG ARE THEY EXPECTED TO STAY?

A: TWO TECHNICAL EXPERTS RECENTLY TRAVELED TO ATHENS TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE ON SOME ISSUES.

WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO INDICATE HOW LONG THEIR PRESENCE  
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